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SUBJECT: CLOSING OF NASA STATION

REF: TANANARIVE 1232

1. DEPT AND NASA ARE ENCOURAGED BY CONCILIATORY TONE OF FONMIN IN MEETING WITH CHARGE DESCRIBED REFTTEL, BUT AGREE WITH CHARGE THAT RATSIRAKA'S NEXT MOVE UNPREDICTABLE.

2. DEPT FULLY AGREES THAT CULTURAL CENTER SHOULD BE REOPENED TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED U.S. DESIRE FOR NORMAL RELATIONS DESPITE CURRENT DISPUTE.

3. FYI ONLY - WE ARE CURIOUS AS TO FONMIN'S QUERY TO YOU AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR USG TO PAY \$100,000 FROM 1973 ON, SINCE THIS WAS INTEGRAL PART OF US OFFER
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WHICH RATSIRAKA REJECTED. WE WONDER IF THERE HAS BEEN

RETHINKING OF PROBLEM WITHIN REGIME AS RESULT OF FIRM
USG RESPONSE TO CLOSE STATION, WHICH MAY HAVE TAKEN
RATSIRAKA BY SURPRISE. IN THIS SENSITIVE SITUATION THERE
ARE MANY FACTORS REQUIRING CLARIFICATION. WE WOULD THERE-
FORE LIKE TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN AND NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBI-
LITY OF REOPENING STATION IF NEW, SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT
CAN BE WORKED OUT PROMPTLY. END FYI.

4. WE WILL THEREFORE WANT TO EXAMINE MOST CAREFULLY MALA-
GASY REPLY TO YOUR DEMARCHE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE DE-
LIVERED TO YOU JULY 15, FOR ANY OPENINGS IT MAY AFFORD.
FOLLOWING ITS RECEIPT, YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO FONMIN THAT
YOU WILL TRANSMIT IT TO WASHINGTON TO REVIEW. HOWEVER,

TO ASSIST IN REVIEW OF MATTER HERE, YOU SHOULD QUERY
FOREIGN MINISTER, INDICATING YOU ARE ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS,
AS TO WHAT HE MEANT WHEN HE ASKED IF USG WAS WILLING TO PAY
\$100,000 YEAR RENT SINCE 1973. YOU MAY WISH TO ADD THAT
STATION WAS CLOSED IN RESPONSE TO ACTIONS AND DECISIONS
TAKEN BY GOMR AND FOLLOWING INABILITY OF BOTH GOVERN-
MENTS TO REACH A NEW AGREEMENT. WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED,
OF COURSE, TO KEEP STATION IN OPERATION, EVEN THOUGH IT IS
NOT ESSENTIAL TO NASA'S WORLDWIDE OPERATIONS. IN YOUR
CONVERSATION YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY AVOID DESCRIPTION OF STA-
TIONS'S CLOSING AS "IRREVOCABLE." INGERSOLL

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